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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Karl P. Kroetsch et al.
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Title : END CAP WITH INTEGRAL PARTIAL REINFORCEMENT
Art Unit : 3753
Examiner : Teresa J. Walberg
Docket No. : DP-310502 (60408-401)

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2005, Applicant wishes to amend the application as follows. A version of the pending claims are presented having necessary markings to show the changes made and the current status of all pending claims in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper